



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 August 2006

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- The Department of Homeland Security has raised the threat level to High, or Orange, for all commercial aviation operating in the United States, including international flights; those flights from the United States to the United Kingdom are also Orange. (See item [7](#))
- The National Association for Amateur Radio reports amateur radio operators who are members of the Military Affiliate Radio System will provide back-up communication for the Transportation Security Administration, with protecting airports during hurricane season the immediate focus. (See item [15](#))
- CNN reports three men found with about 1,000 untraceable cell phones were arraigned on Saturday, August 12, on terror-related charges, and were believed to have been targeting the Mackinac Bridge in upper Michigan. (See item [36](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *August 11, Reuters* — **BP to keep west half of Prudhoe Bay field pumping.** BP PLC said Friday, August 11, it will keep the western half of its Prudhoe Bay oil field online, enabling the company to get the field up to half its prior output despite pipeline corrosion. BP plans to raise

production from 150,000 barrels per day (bpd) to an expected 200,000, half the field's previous capacity, by the end of August, the company said in a statement. U.S. lawmakers had castigated the London-based company for letting pipeline corrosion get out of hand. BP's decision last Sunday, August 6, to shut down the entire Prudhoe Bay field sent U.S. crude oil futures above \$77 a barrel earlier this week — nearing the all-time record of \$78.40 in July. BP officials now say they will continue operating the western segment of the field, allowing the 400,000 bpd field to continue pumping oil to hungry West Coast refiners. Republican and Democratic lawmakers have called for hearings and federal probes into BP's decision to shut down the field, which normally produces eight percent of U.S. oil output.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2006/08/11/news/companies/bc.energy.bp.prudhoe.reut/index.htm?cnn=yes>

2. *August 10, Department of Transportation* — **New safety orders issued to BP Exploration for North Slope pipelines.** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on Thursday, August 10, issued new orders to BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. requiring additional rigorous inspections of the company's entire North Slope pipeline network, and outlining the safety criteria BP must meet before it can restart its downed line there. These orders require BP to conduct four daily surveys of all its low-pressure lines in the North Slope, including the Eastern operating line, where the company this week halted operations due to a leak and extensive pipeline corrosion, PHMSA Administrator Admiral Thomas Barrett said. The company will be required to use special heat-seeking infrared equipment to spot leaks and conduct visual walking, driving or flying surveys up and down the entire 22-mile length of the system, he added. The order also directs BP to strip the insulation from its Western operating line, which may continue to move oil, and conduct an ultrasonic test, using technology similar to a sonogram, to obtain a complete picture of the line's conditions, he said. Prior to considering any return to service of the Eastern line, the order requires BP to conduct a series of diagnostic tests to ensure the line has been fully inspected and that any defects are repaired to strict federal standards.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/phmsa0706.htm>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *August 11, Dallas Morning News* — **Online records raise identity theft concerns.** These days, an identity thief could access sensitive, personal information by surfing through online

records that once were available only at the county courthouse. These photographic images of deeds, divorce settlements, tax liens and bankruptcies — particularly older records — may contain Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, and credit card and bank account information. Now, county officials in Texas and around the country are evaluating yet another trade-off created by technology: Does the public convenience of online government records outweigh the individual's need for financial privacy? Some counties are deleting sensitive data from online documents but keeping it on original courthouse records. The theory is that identity thieves are less likely to show themselves in a public office. They're more comfortable with the anonymity of sitting at home on the computer. Other counties have begun charging for online records to discourage casual snoops. Still others provide all public documents for free without alteration. The Texas Supreme Court is studying recommendations from an advisory group to regulate access to online public civil and criminal court records containing sensitive information. Other states also are looking at ways to protect personal identifying information from full public view.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/city/collin/stories/081106dnccocountyIDtheft.2108934.html>

4. *August 11, Finextra* — **Citibank Germany launches text alert service.** With immediate effect and as the only bank in Germany, Citibank offers a free of charges SMS-service for checking accounts, credit cards and custody accounts: With Citi Alerts customers receive current notifications via SMS or e-mail for free. With this service customers know within a few minutes after the transaction that their salary has arrived in their account, or there has been a direct debit. "Citi Alerts offers them transparency and control at all times and everywhere, at no charge. Thus they can react immediately in case of suspicious transactions — a clear gain in safety," said Claudia Thiele, head of credit cards at Citibank Germany.

Source: <http://www.finextra.com/fullpr.asp?id=10846>

5. *August 11, Bank of England* — **Bank of England freezes accounts of terror suspects.** The Bank of England said on Friday, August 11, it had frozen the accounts and UK financial assets of 19 of the 24 suspects in a terrorist plot to blow up as many as six U.S.-bound aircraft in mid-flight

For further detail, see Bank of England news release:

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/financialsanctions/sanctions060811.pdf>

Source: <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/news/2006/082.htm>

6. *August 10, Websense Security Labs* — **Phishing Alert: Yahoo! Flickr.** Websense Security Labs has observed another change in the technique used in Yahoo! phishing attacks. These phishing attacks attempt to capture a user's Yahoo! ID and password by displaying a fake Yahoo! Sign In page. This variant of attack has been on-going for over a year. After the Yahoo! acquisition of Flickr, these attacks have started to shift from targeting Yahoo! Photos to targeting Yahoo! Flickr. Users receive an e-mail or instant message that claims to be from a friend wanting to show off photos that have been posted to Flickr. The message contains a link to a phishing site, which captures the user's Yahoo! ID and password.

Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=573>

Transportation and Border Security Sector

7. *August 11, Department of Homeland Security* — **Fact Sheet: Guidance for airline passengers.** Raised Threat Levels: The U.S. threat level is raised to Severe, or Red, for all commercial flights flying from the United Kingdom to the United States. The U.S. threat level is raised to High, or Orange, for all commercial aviation operating in the United States, including international flights. Flights from the United States to the United Kingdom are also Orange. Increased Aviation Screening Procedures: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is implementing a series of security measures, some visible and some not visible, to ensure the security of the traveling public and the nation's transportation system. Measures will be constantly evaluated and updated as circumstances warrant.
Related Information Threat Level Change for the Aviation Sector:
<http://www.tsa.gov/press/happenings/threat-change.shtm>
Frequently Asked Questions: New Security Measures:
http://www.tsa.gov/press/where_we_stand/security_measures.sh tm
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5795>
8. *August 11, Department of Homeland Security* — **Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative proposed rule outlines new document requirements for air and sea travel.** On Friday, August 11, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of State announced the proposed requirement, with some exceptions, for citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and British Overseas Territory of Bermuda to present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air or sea from any part of the Western Hemisphere beginning January 8, 2007. A second proposed rule will be published at a later date proposing certain requirements for those travelers entering the United States through a land border crossing beginning January 1, 2008. The land border rule will also address document requirements for ferry passengers, U.S. citizen members of the armed forces on active duty, and for vessels used exclusively for pleasure and not for the transportation of persons or property for compensation or hire. Together, these two proposed rules set forth the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, which is the government's plan to implement a provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act signed into law in 2004.
For more information, visit <http://www.dhs.gov> or <http://www.travel.state.gov>
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5797>
9. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Delta plane stuck in mud at Jackson–Evers International Airport.** A Delta Air Lines passenger jet bound for Atlanta from San Francisco became stuck in the mud Thursday night, August 10, after refueling at Jackson–Evers International Airport, in Jackson, MS, stranding more than 200 passengers for hours. The plane was diverted to Jackson because of bad weather in the Atlanta area, an airport official said. After refueling, pilots edged off the runway and became stuck in the mud. Dirk Vanderleest, airport chief executive officer, said none of the 223 passengers were injured. Officials shut down Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport departures and arrivals for about 45 minutes Thursday evening, Delta spokesperson Gina Laughlin said. The thunderstorms hit the city around 7 p.m. CDT and significantly disrupted traffic at one of the nation's busiest airports.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-08-11-delta-plane-m ud_x.htm

August 11, Associated Press — **Odor from bag sickens three Houston airport workers.**

Three workers were sickened on Friday, August 11, by an odor after an unidentified liquid in a U.S. postal service bag spilled in the cargo hold of a Continental Airlines plane at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, officials said. The Houston Fire Department was working to determine what the liquid was, said District Chief Tommy Dowdy. "It's an acidic liquid. We have isolated the bag. We are trying to identify the source," he said. The Houston Fire Department was called to the airport at 8:45 a.m. CDT after three baggage workers unloading the cargo hold became sick from the odor.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/4110795.html>

11. *August 11, Calgary Sun (Canada)* — **Marshals eyed for UK trips.** Air marshals will guard some flights between Canada and Britain in response to a thwarted plan to bomb up to 10 planes departing the U.K. Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) already have a presence on selected Washington and New York flights, but a Transport Canada official said Mounties will redirect some on-flight security resources to the U.K. RCMP Sgt. Martin Blais confirmed the RCMP has "aircraft protective officers" at London's Heathrow Airport, but would not disclose operational details. Canada has had RCMP air marshals on duty since 2002, Blais said.

Source: <http://calsun.canoe.ca/News/National/2006/08/11/1744231-sun.html>

12. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Man arrested in Florida bus incident.** A man acting strangely and who was feared to have a gun aboard a Greyhound bus surrendered peacefully to authorities on Friday, August 11, after the driver and passengers evacuated. No one was hurt and no weapon was found, officials said. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office SWAT team surrounded the bus on Interstate 95 after the man initially refused to surrender. "He came off the bus. It was a peaceful resolution. He's in custody," Jacksonville sheriff's officer Nancy Pittmon said. The driver and 38 passengers were able to leave the bus before he surrendered. The bus had left Jacksonville and was heading toward Orlando. The man, wearing a black leather trench coat, was acting strangely and attempted to open the windows of the bus. Police have not released the man's name and were still questioning him, said Pittmon.

Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060811/BREAKINGNEWS/60811018/1086>

13. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Airlines scramble to hire more baggage handlers.** Airlines scrambled to recruit more baggage handlers Friday, August 11, as U.S. travelers quickly adapted to new security measures by simply checking luggage they normally would have carried with them. Unlike Thursday, when travelers unaware of the just-established rules filled trash cans at security checkpoints with now-banned bottles of makeup, perfume, and suntan lotion, passengers on Friday had already packed those items in their checked luggage instead. As a result, Los Angeles International Airport reported a 30 to 50 percent increase in checked luggage, a jump that required airlines to recruit additional bag handlers, said Paul Haney, spokesperson for Los Angeles World Airports. To handle the random bag checks at airport gates, about 200 unarmed National Guard troops were on duty. Operations at Chicago's O'Hare, the nation's busiest airport, were also back to normal, with security line waits between 30 and 60 minutes, said Transportation Security Administration spokesperson Lara Uselding.

Source: <http://www.komotv.com/stories/44880.htm>

14.

August 11, Boston Globe — **Easy to hide, liquid weapon exposes a flaw.** As travelers worry about what seems an exotic new terrorist weapon, specialists said on Thursday, August 10, that liquid explosives have been a known threat for quite a while. Al Qaeda has eyed liquid explosives to take down commercial airliners for more than a decade. In 1994, terrorists in Asia successfully detonated a liquid bomb on an airplane, killing a Japanese businessman. Liquid explosives have been used in mining and oil exploration for many decades, and so it was just a matter of time, specialists said, before terrorists would attempt to use them as well. Still, the London plot exposed a key flaw in American airport security. Arnold Barnett, an aviation–security specialist and professor at MIT's Sloan School of Management, said security measures at U.S. airports before yesterday would not have been sufficient to stop terrorists from smuggling liquid explosives onto a plane. Companies are already working on airport scanners to detect dangerous materials within a bottle, though none has been considered ideal for deployment, according to Jimmie Oxley, an explosives specialist and professor at the University of Rhode Island who has done extensive work with the military and federal law enforcement.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/08/11/easy_to_hide_liquid_weapon_exposes_a_flaw/

15. *August 10, National Association for Amateur Radio* — Transportation Security

Administration to use MARS to assist communications during emergencies. Amateur Radio operators who are members of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) will provide back–up communication for the U.S. Transportation Security Administration under a formal agreement announced in July by Army MARS Chief Kathy Harrison, AAA9A. Protecting airports during the hurricane season will be the immediate focus, she said, adding that the new MARS–TSA collaboration "is likely to expand to other Department of Homeland Security areas" in the future. The first airport emergency support teams will be located at four airports in the Florida hurricane belt: Miami, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, and Pensacola, Harrison said. She added that recruiting will immediately follow for nine additional potential hurricane targets from Washington, DC, to Houston. In a later phase — and as soon as possible — additional teams will be recruited for other hurricane locations including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and after that, the remainder of the continental U.S. The Memorandum of Understanding, which is already in place, calls for using MARS networks, personnel and equipment to maintain communication during the first 72 hours of incidents involving aircraft, mass transit, and pipelines.

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/08/10/2/?nc=1>

16. *August 10, Associated Press* — Coast Guard uses Maritime 911 system. Rescue 21, a prototype maritime 911 system that can pinpoint the source of a radio transmission to within a few feet, is a \$730 million system, which is being installed at Coast Guard stations nationally. Rescue 21 is a network of computers and powerful radio towers spread along coastal areas that can triangulate on a radio signal and pinpoint its source. The system is designed to zero in on a one–watt radio two feet off the water at a range of 20 miles offshore, said Captain Dan Abel, Rescue 21's project manager. He said a typical five–watt radio extends the range up to 100 miles. Rescue 21 is now in use in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Coast Guard plans to activate the first Pacific station in Seattle in September. The Coast Guard says Rescue 21 will be deployed nationally along 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline and inland waterways and in Guam and Puerto Rico by 2011.

Source: <http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060810/NEWS/608100330/-1/State>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

17. *August 11, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **Plum pox virus confirmed in Michigan.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory Friday, August 11, confirmed the presence of the plum pox virus on a plum tree sample from Southwestern Michigan. The plum tree sample was collected at the Southwest Michigan Research and Experiment Center (SWMREC), a Michigan State University facility, located near the Benton Harbor–St. Joseph area. The samples were collected as part of state surveillance surveys and underwent preliminary testing at the Michigan Department of Agriculture where researchers obtained positive results. The plum pox strain identified in Michigan is the D strain of the virus—the same strain that is present in Canada, Pennsylvania and New York. The D strain of the virus is less virulent than other strains, does not infect cherry trees and is not seedborne. Because the strain is not seedborne, it is not necessary to regulate the movement of fruit to prevent the spread of the disease. Plum pox virus information: <http://www.apsnet.org/online/feature/PlumPox/>
Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2006/08/ppvmich.s.html>

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Food Sector

18. *August 13, Associated Press* — **Bottled water recalled in five states.** Wegmans Food Markets has recalled its own brand of bottled water in its 71 stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Virginia, saying it showed high levels of bromate. Drinking water with high bromate levels for years can lead to a higher risk of cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
Source: http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/local/states/pennsylvania/counties/philadelphia_county/philadelphia/15263685.htm
19. *August 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Advisory to avoid certain raw shellfish from the Pacific Northwest updated.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers not to eat raw clams harvested in the Pacific Northwest because of reports of a significant increase in gastrointestinal illnesses caused by *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp). This advisory updates a July 31, 2006, advisory to consumers on eating raw oysters harvested in the Pacific Northwest. In recent months, there has been an unusual increase in bacterial illness associated with eating raw oysters and raw clams from the Pacific Northwest. The illnesses are

associated with the naturally occurring bacterium Vp, which is most prevalent during summer months when water temperatures in the Pacific Northwest are most favorable for its growth. While Vp can cause mild gastrointestinal disorders in healthy individuals, older persons and those with weak immune systems are at greater risk for serious illness, such as septicemia. Pacific Northwest oysters and clams are distributed nationally. To date there have been 72 laboratory confirmed and an additional 105 probable Vp illness reported from Washington State, Oregon, and New York linked to contaminated oysters and clams.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01430.html>

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Water Sector

20. *August 13, Reuters* — China drought leaves 17 million without water. About 17 million people in southwest China don't have access to clean drinking water due to sustained drought, state media reported on Sunday, August 13. Local governments have allocated funds to help residents fight the drought by tapping ground water and improving water conservation facilities. The searing heat meant 14 million people in Chongqing and three million in Sichuan lack clean drinking water, the media said. State television showed pictures of trucks transporting water to the worst hit areas and villagers digging wells. The water level in the Chongqing section of the Yangtze River hit 11.5 feet, its lowest in 100 years, the state broadcaster CCTV said.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/PEK19352.htm>

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Public Health Sector

21. *August 13, Associated Press* — Polio cases quadruple in Afghanistan. The number of polio cases in Afghanistan has quadrupled this year, almost entirely in southern provinces, officials said Saturday, August 12. Afghanistan has suffered 24 cases so far in 2006, compared to nine cases during the whole of 2005, said Shukrullah Wahidi, an official with the Ministry of Public Health who oversees the polio program. All cases except one were in the south, he said. Wahidi blamed the spike in polio cases on the increasing violence, unregulated travel across the border with Pakistan where polio is also a problem, difficulty in establishing local health services and poor communication with community leaders.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory?id=2307277>

22. *August 13, Reuters* — Suspected case of bird flu in Rotterdam zoo. Two young owls which died in a zoo in Rotterdam are suspected of having the H5N1 bird flu virus, the Dutch farm ministry said late on Saturday, August 12. The Netherlands, Europe's second biggest poultry producer after France, has never reported a case of the H5N1 strain. A ministry spokesperson said further tests were being conducted, but it was suspected that the birds died of a highly pathogenic strain of the virus. The H5N1 virus has spread rapidly from late 2003 from Asia to Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The virus can occasionally infect people and has killed 138 people over the past three years, according to figures from the World Health Organization.

Source: http://in.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2006-08-13T064753Z_01_NOOTR_RTRJONC_0_India-263_397-1.xml

23. August 13, Agence France–Presse — Asia–Pacific nations to hold avian flu workshop.

More than 50 health and government officials from the Asia–Pacific will gather in Singapore to discuss ways to strengthen the region's response to any bird flu pandemic. The two–day workshop starting Monday, August 14, is a follow–up to a bird flu exercise coordinated by Australia in June involving the 21 Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members. "The exercise achieved its purpose of highlighting the need for improved communications to handle these sorts of emergencies," Helena Studdert of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said. "The next step is for the Singapore workshop to discuss the report, decide how to move forward and make a series of recommendations to ministers," she said.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060813/hl_afp/healthfluapecsin_gapore_060813084132;_ylt=AuboNefzQ59hbZwFB.Q_ODmJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

24. August 12, Reuters — Cambodia confirms new bird flu outbreak. Cambodia has suffered its second outbreak of bird flu this year in the same province where the H5N1 virus killed a boy in April, officials said on Saturday, August 12. The virus was confirmed in more than 1,300 ducks that died in Prey Veng province, but there were no immediate reports of human infections, they said. Several hundred domestic ducks, which can carry the H5N1 virus without necessarily showing symptoms, had been culled within two miles of the outbreak, agriculture official Yim Vanthan said.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/BKK272188.htm>

25. August 12, Hattiesburg American (MS) — Thirteen new West Nile cases confirmed. Thirteen new cases of West Nile virus in humans have been confirmed in Mississippi, state health officials announced Friday, August 11. There have been 30 human cases, two resulting in deaths this year. Forrest County has been the hardest hit in the state with 11 confirmed cases. The county had two of the new cases announced Friday. "This would certainly be classified as an outbreak," said Dr. Clay Hammack, district medical director with the Mississippi Department of Health. He said that more confirmed cases are expected to be released early next week. Since July, 11 people in the county have been infected with the virus — this includes the two recent reports and one death, said Bennie Sellers, director of public services for the city of Hattiesburg.

West Nile virus information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2006/0812/NEWS/608120358/1001/news>

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *August 11, Navy Compass* — **Local organizations discuss how the military can assist in a disaster.** Various San Diego County officials came together in El Cajon, CA, on Thursday, August 3, to discuss how the military could assist in the event of a natural disaster. The meeting allowed major San Diego emergency preparedness organizations and two major military commands within the region to discuss policies and procedures on how to request use of military assets in an emergency. Commander, Navy Region Southwest Rear Admiral Len Hering, said Katrina was an example of how local and state agencies did not know enough about how to energize the federal government system in an emergency. San Diego Chief for the California Department of Forestry Charles Manner said he had an idea of how the process went for requesting military assistance in a local or state emergency and that the biggest thing he was concerned about was knowing exactly what military assets are available at the time of a disaster. San Diego County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Debra Keeney said, "This was a really good beginning to a conversation that we need to continue to have. We can't afford to not have an open line of communication and response."

Source: <http://www.navycompass.com/news/newsview.asp?c=192164>

27. *August 10, WHOI-TV (IL)* — **Disaster drill in Pekin, Illinois.** Several agencies in Pekin, IL, including the police department, fire department and Pekin hospital, held a disaster drill on Thursday, August 10 in case a major catastrophe strikes the area. The scenario was that a school bus crashes into a tanker, injuring dozens and spilling what could be hazardous material into the street. "We have tons and tons of hazardous material on the roadways and the railways every day," said Kurt Nelson of the Pekin Fire Department. "So anytime anything can happen like this." Overall, things went smoothly, but there is one thing they say needs a lot of improvement: communication. "I can't talk to the ambulance without being in my police car, I have no way of doing that on my portable radio, so I don't know what they're doing," said Sergeant Carl Powell of the Pekin Police Department.

Source: http://www.hoinews.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=14791

28. *August 10, KXAN-TV (TX)* — **Texas Guard training for disaster rescues.** The Texas Guard is practicing to bring rescue from above if another Katrina hits. "That was mass casualty on a grand scale. So we are indeed training for something like that," Texas National Guard Sergeant John Dunn said. The training at Walter E. Long Lake will help make sure they can get it done fast and get it done right, saving as many lives as possible. Troops from the guard's 143rd Long Range Surveillance Detachment are jumping into a flood scenario modeled after the disaster in New Orleans. The scenario is a nursing home is underwater, and casualties are everywhere.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/Global/story.asp?S=5268112&nav=0s3d>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

29. *August 11, Register (UK)* — **Ruby on Rails derailed by URL glitch.** Developers are being urged to update their Ruby on Rails software following the discovery of a potentially serious security vulnerability. Ruby on Rails is a popular open source framework for developing

database-backed Web applications. Users are urged to update to version 1.1.6. Earlier versions of the software are vulnerable to a bug in the routing code of the software which exposes the development environment to possible exploitation.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/08/11/ruby_on_rails_security_bug/

30. *August 10, FrSIRT* — **Sun Solaris "drain_queue()" TCP connections handling denial-of-service vulnerability.** A vulnerability has been identified in Sun Solaris, which may be exploited by remote attackers to cause a denial-of-service. Analysis: This flaw is due to an error in the "drain_queue()" function when handling extremely heavy TCP/IP loads, which could be exploited by remote attackers to crash a vulnerable system, creating a denial-of-service condition.
Affected Product: Sun Solaris 10.
Solution: Apply patches: <http://sunsolve.sun.com/search/document.do?assetkey=1-26-102554-1>
Source: <http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2006/3239>
31. *August 10, Register (UK)* — **Skype malware scam targets Turkey.** Spyware authors have crafted a new attack that poses as an invitation to Turkish people to try Skype. Instead of being able to download the popular VoIP application, those responding to the Turkish-language e-mails containing the bogus offer will be directed towards a fake site. This bogus site contains a malicious file, skypekur.exe, posing as Skype software. If executed, the malware application installs multiple password recovery tools designed to harvest passwords. Passwords, once extracted, are sent to hackers for later abuse.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/08/10/skype_spyware_scam/
32. *August 10, Reuters* — **Major cell phone outage reported in New York.** Sprint Nextel Corp. said an outage of its cell phone service in parts of the New York borough of Queens on Thursday, August 10, was caused by water damage to network equipment due to a burst pipe. The service interruption, reported earlier by the New York City police, was caused by damage to equipment in Verizon Communications Inc.'s wired network, Sprint spokesperson Mark Elliott said. Sprint said communications around up to 75 of its wireless towers in Flushing, Queens, were affected.
Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=technologyNews&storyid=2006-08-10T193944Z_01_N10467778_RTRUKOC_0_US-TELECOMS-NEWYORK.xml&src=rss&rpc=22
33. *August 10, USA TODAY* — **IBM buying FileNet for \$1.6 billion.** Computer giant IBM on Thursday, August 10, announced plans to buy business software-maker FileNet for \$1.6 billion, the latest sign of consolidation in the software industry. IBM's buying streak is part of a bigger shift in the way companies buy software, says tech analyst Andi Mann at researcher Enterprise Management Associates. Instead of purchasing programs purely based on technical merit, corporate technology buyers are looking for groups of hardware and software that address a specific problem.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/techinvestor/corporatenews/2006-08-10-ibm-filenet_x.htm

34.

August 10, Tech Web — **Apple fixes brand new Mac Pro.** Apple Computer Inc. on Wednesday, August 9, issued a security update for the Mac Pro, the top-of-the-line Intel Xeon-based system that the company rolled out only two days before. The fix, dubbed Update 2006-004 for Mac Pro, adds 5 patches included with the August 1 security upgrade for the company's other systems, to Apple's newest and beefiest client computer. The update can be downloaded from the Apple site, or users can retrieve the patches using their Mac Pro's built-in update function: <http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/>
Source: <http://www.techweb.com/wire/security/191901562;jsessionid=ZEAN30S0PCIY4QSNDLRSKH0CJUNN2JVN>

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

- 35. *August 11, Washington Post* — Increased surveillance after terrorist plot.** The police presence in the Washington, DC region picked up on Thursday, August 10, as armed guards patrolled Metro stations, and surveillance cameras rolled downtown in response to a thwarted terrorist plot in Britain. In Maryland and Virginia, transportation authorities increased security on buses and trains. DC Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey put specialized units such as the bomb squad and the homeland security office on Code Orange, or heightened alert, and extended their work shifts from eight hours to 12. Downtown DC, 19 cameras used only during emergencies and special events were up and recording. The vigilance came after British authorities arrested 24 people in a plot to blow up several U.S.-bound airplanes over the Atlantic Ocean. Security officials said flights to Washington were among those targeted in the scheme. Much of the heightened security was centered at transportation hubs and tourist attractions. In Northwest Washington, the British Embassy compound on Massachusetts Avenue was tightly cordoned. U.S. Park Police were also on the alert. "We know we guard the national icons, the monuments, the memorials," said Sgt. Scott Fear, a Park Police spokesperson.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/08/10/AR2006081001664.html>

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General Sector

36. *August 13, CNN* — **Three face terror charges after 1,000 cell phones seized.** Three men authorities said were found with about 1,000 untraceable cell phones were arraigned Saturday, August 12, on terror-related charges, and were believed to have been targeting a Michigan bridge, a prosecutor said. "The targeted issue in this case was the Mackinac Bridge. That is what we have information on," Tuscola County prosecutor Mark Reese said. The bridge is five miles long and connects Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas. Police in Caro, MI, said the men were arrested early Friday, August 11, and were being held on charges of "providing material support for terrorism and obtaining information of a vulnerable target for the purposes of terrorism." The suspects are two brothers, Adham Othman, 22, and Louai Othman, 23, and their 19-year-old cousin, Maruwan Muhareb, CNN affiliate WEYI reported. Officers were dispatched early Friday when the men aroused suspicion at a Caro Wal-Mart, where they purchased 80 prepaid wireless "TracFones" with cash, Caro Police Chief Ben Page said. Authorities believe the men were either selling the phones to make money for terrorism or using them for explosives, WEYI reported.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/08/13/michigan.arrests/index.html>
37. *August 11, Associated Press* — **U.S. Embassy in New Delhi warns of possible terror attacks.** Foreign militants, possibly from al Qaeda, may be planning to bomb New Delhi and Bombay, the U.S. Embassy warned Friday, August 11, raising fears that Osama bin Laden's network may be targeting India for its rising economic power and links to the United States. An e-mail sent to Americans registered with the embassy said New Delhi, the capital, and Bombay, the country's financial and entertainment hub, were targeted for attacks around India's Independence Day celebrations Tuesday, August 15. The embassy warning said the "likely targets include major airports, key central Indian government offices, and major gathering places such as hotels and markets." It urged Americans to maintain a low profile and be alert until Wednesday, August 16. The warning prompted has India to step up already tight security ahead of Independence Day, a time when militants from the country's regional separatist movements — from Islamic militants in Kashmir to tribal guerrillas in the northeast — often launch attacks. On the approach road to New Delhi's international airport, guards with assault rifles stopped cars, buses and trucks, checking IDs and searching some vehicles.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2006-08-11-india-terror_x.htm
38. *August 11, Washington Post* — **Airliner plot had support in Pakistan, officials say.** On Friday, August 11, U.S. and European officials described Pakistan as the hub of a plot to down transatlantic flights, saying the young British men allegedly behind the planned attacks drew financial and logistical support from sponsors operating in Karachi and Lahore. Pakistan's government, portraying itself as a reliable ally against terrorism, said it had made at least seven arrests connected to the plot but insisted that the conspiracy was centered in neighboring Afghanistan. Two of the men in custody there were British citizens. One U.S. law enforcement official said British authorities and the FBI were investigating whether some of the suspects attended training camps in Pakistan. "The Pakistan connection is the big focus now," said one intelligence source. Among those arrested in Pakistan was Rashid Rauf, a British citizen who was detained along the country's border with Afghanistan. His brother, Tayib, was among the people arrested in Britain. A statement from Pakistan's Foreign Ministry described Rashid Rauf as a central figure in the plot and said he had an "Afghanistan-based al Qaeda connection." Pakistani authorities were also investigating the financial transactions of a Muslim charity made through at least a dozen bank branches in Karachi and the Pakistani city of Peshawar.

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